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TAGS: PFOR PDIP WMO SZ VS VN IC

SUBJECT: PROPOSED "PRG" OBSERVER STATUS AT 7TH WMO CONGRESS

REF: A) STATE 10509, B) STATE 12513, C) STATE 14506

1. WE DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH MFA DEPSECGEN HELGASON JANUARY 22, MAKING POINTS REF. A AND LEAVING WITH HIM TEXT OF NOTE CONTAINED IN REF. C. HELGASON SAID GOI SHARES US VIEW OF ISSUE, ADDING THAT PRG ATTENDANCE AT CONGRESS WOULD BE "GROSS ABUSE" OF WMO REGULATIONS.

2. HOWEVER, HELGASON SAID, NO (RPT NO) FINAL DECISION WOULD BE MADE ON GOI VOTE PENDING MEETING OF NORDIC REPS IN STOCKHOLM NEXT WEEK (WHICH HE WILL ATTEND) TO DISCUSS FEBRUARY NORDIC COUNCIL MEETING, PLUS WMO CONGRESS AND OTHER UPCOMING ISSUES.

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3. HELGASON SAID HE WAS NOT SURE WHETHER SWedes WOULD PUSH FOR

PRG ATTENDANCE AT WMO MEETING, BUT SAID THAT MFA IS NOW STUDYING
IMPLICATIONS OF NOT RETURNING BALLOT OR ABSTAINING ON PRG
QUESTION AS POSSIBLE WAY OUT FOR FONMIN AGUSTSSON IF HE IS
PRESSURED. WHEN EMBOFF BROUGHT TO HELGASON'S ATTENTION INFOR-
MATION IN REF. B RE UNDESIRABILITY OF ABSTENTION, HELGASON
SAID THAT IF HIS RESEARCH CONFIRMED THIS, GOI WOULD PROBABLY
VOTE AGAINST PRG.

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